



TRIAL by
FIRE

FROM THE TOP

Here we are again, another 'From The Top'. By the time you read this in any of the books, all of the February releases will be out, or they will be at the printer. At the same time most of the March releases will be at the printer or actually on the stands. Amazing, isn't it?

We have had numerous startup problems not unlike any other company just starting out. However, our problems are magnified by a glut in the market which I am part of (aren't we all?).

Just for fun though, I'd like to point out something which I think bears taking note. Almost all of my books are completely unique and individual in concept. The two which are not very unique, the art series and talent search, are meant to be more functional and practical than unique. But look at my books individually. They are their own mag, not a rip off of another. Granted not all of the 'titles' are completely unique, but how many legions are there anyway? And Grips was not designed as a rip off of Marvel's character either.

In fact, initially, his two nubaku were the two main weapons of the character, not his pincers. The two pincers were modified from an old kung-fu flick I watched while in San Diego in the mid nineteen seventies.

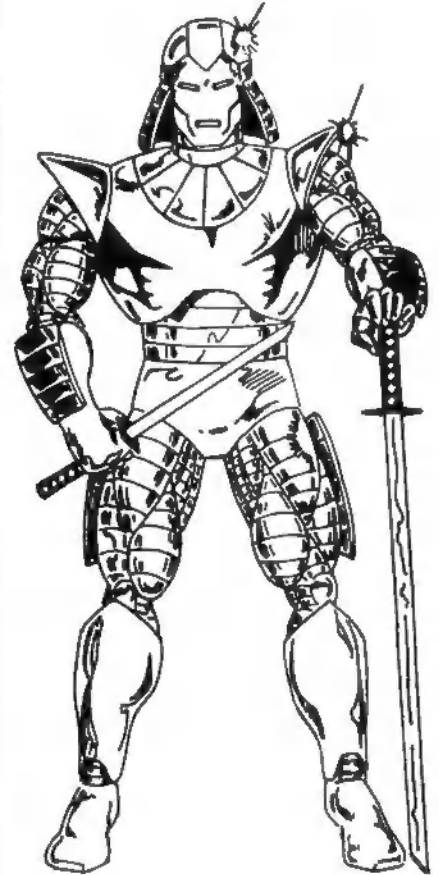
Besides, anymore, when you think you have something unique, look harder, I'm sure you'll find someone else has done it before. I 'almost' guarantee it.

So what's new in Silver Wolf? Well, the software has taken a back seat for a few weeks, but I'll let you know what's happening to that next month. We are getting ready to launch our color books (ten of them) for the summer, plus two more black and whites, and I'm looking for a wholesaler of 'No-Doz'!

Keep your eyes open for some interesting mail order ideas coming your way exclusively through Silver Wolf in the next few months. We are working on some limited issue statuettes (eight to ten inches tall) of the Fat Ninja which will be hand signed and numbered by the sculptor.

Keep writing, we love your letters whether they be good or bad. We just like to know that you care enough to write.

-KAS



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HARRY, I NEED
SOME HELP.

SILVER WOLF COMICS
GRIPS
TRIAL
BY
FIRE
STORY: KRIS SILVER
ART: TIM VIGIL
INKS: JOHN PALMER
1987

YOU SCARED THE
SHIT OUT OF ME!



WELL, CAN I
DEPEND ON YOU
FOR SOME HELP
OR NOT?

YOU KNOW
YOU CAN; I OWE
YOU.



AFTER WHAT YOU DID
FOR ME THERE ISN'T MUCH
I WOULDN'T DO FOR YOU.



I HAVE NEED OF
YOUR MIND HARRY.

THEY WOULD MAKE
MY JOB MUCH LESS
COMPLICATED.

YOU HAVE SOME VERY
USEFUL TALENTS.



OKAY. 'SCUSE
ME, BUT I NEED
A DRINK.

CALMS MY NERVES.
WANT ONE?



NO THANKS. I
DON'T DRINK.



THINK MORE
ABOUT HELPING ME.
I'LL NEED IT.

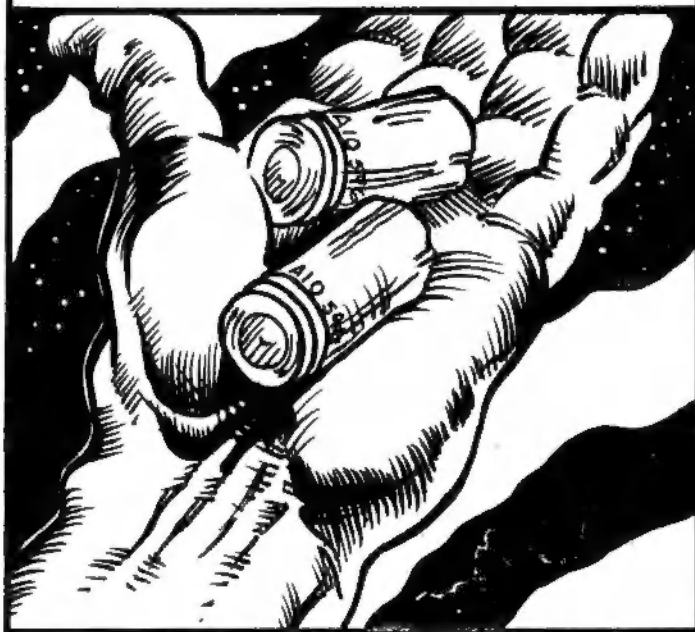
THIS IS THE WRECKAGE OF THE HOUSE WHERE GRIPS LAST FOUGHT DEATHBORG. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THIS MAN. THERE WOULD BE FEW CLUES LEFT, THE POLICE WOULD HAVE ALREADY SCoured THE AREA. HE'D HAVE TO LOOK HARDER THAN THEY DID.



PARK HERE, I EXPECT SOMEONE WILL PROBABLY BE SHOWING UP TONIGHT.



SHELLS. THE ONES USED BY DEATHBORG'S GUNS. A SLIM PIECE OF INFORMATION BUT ENOUGH TO START WITH.



A COUPLE SMALL ITEMS TO START WITH BUT, WHOA...



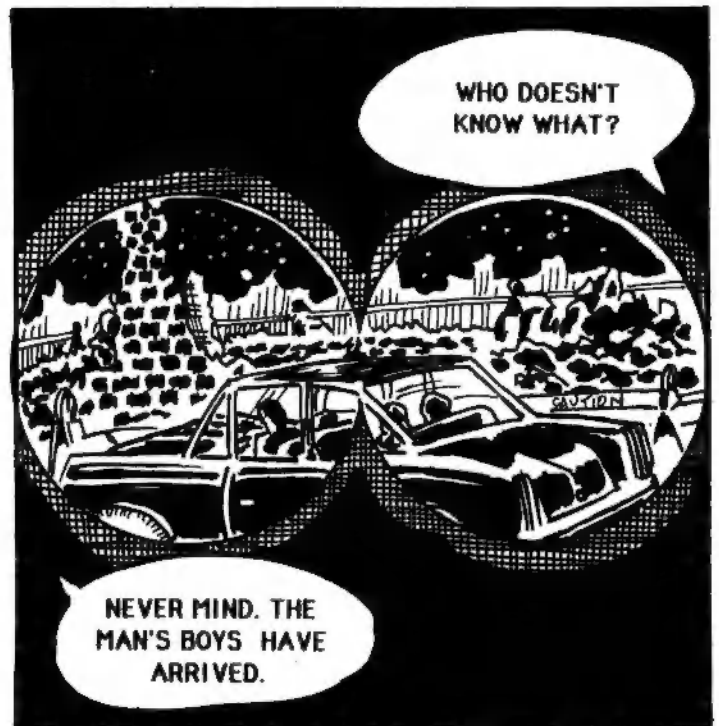
MOMMA SAID THERE WAS A SANTA CLAUS, BUT THIS WAS TOO GOOD.

THE LIGHTS OF ANOTHER CAR CREEP SLOWLY TOWARD GRIPS AND THE WRECKAGE UNTIL...



AH HAI SOMEONE ELSE HAS COME TO COMB THE REMAINS OF THIS TOMB! THIS COULD BE A BREAK.





ALL OF YOUR PEOPLE NEED TO WORK AT GETTING THIS PLACE COMPLETELY 'CLEANED UP', AND I DON'T MEAN FOR YOU TO SWEEP THE FLOOR. I WOULD LIKE ANYTHING THAT CAN POSSIBLY LEAD THE POLICE OR A CERTAIN VIGILANTE TO ME FOUND. DON'T FAIL OR NEED I MENTION THAT?



ALRIGHT YOU GUYS, TAKE ME HOME, THEN COME AND DO YOUR JOB.

YES SIR. WE'LL HAVE IT DONE BY MORNING.

GRIPS LEAVES MINUTES LATER, INFORMATION IN HIS POCKET AND INFORMATION IN HIS MIND.

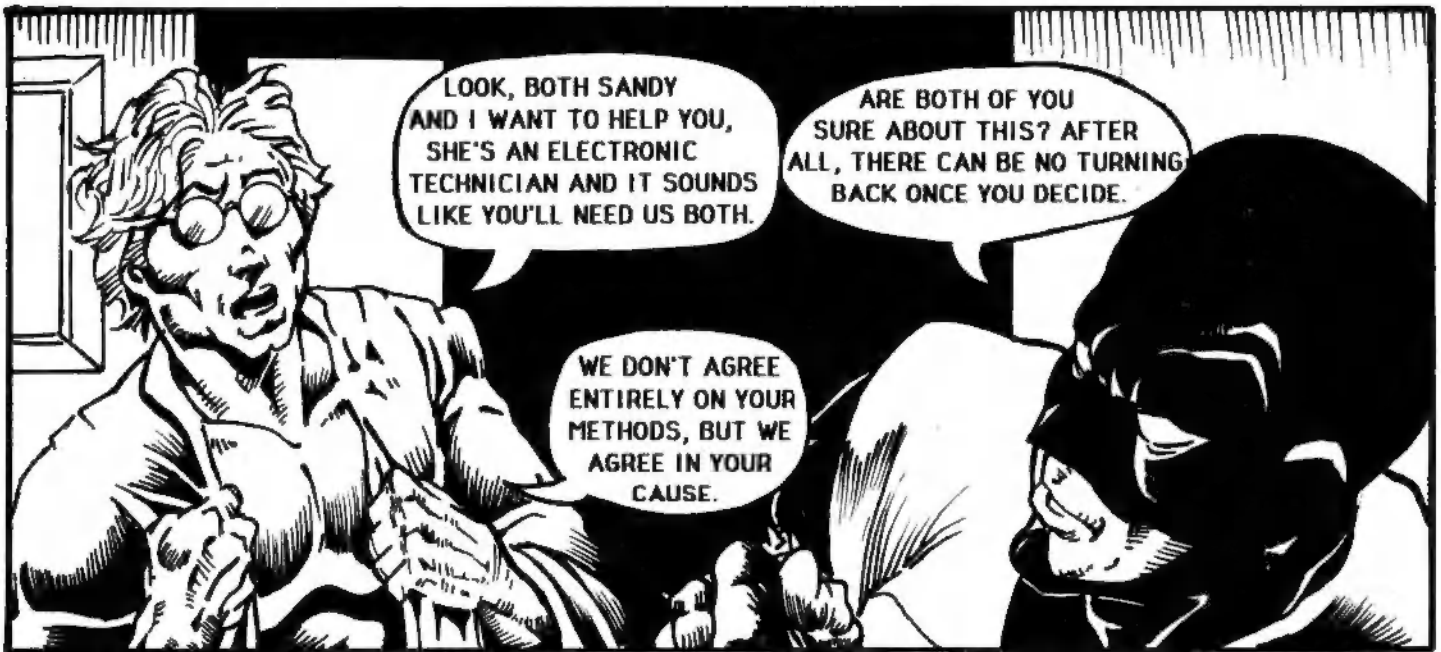


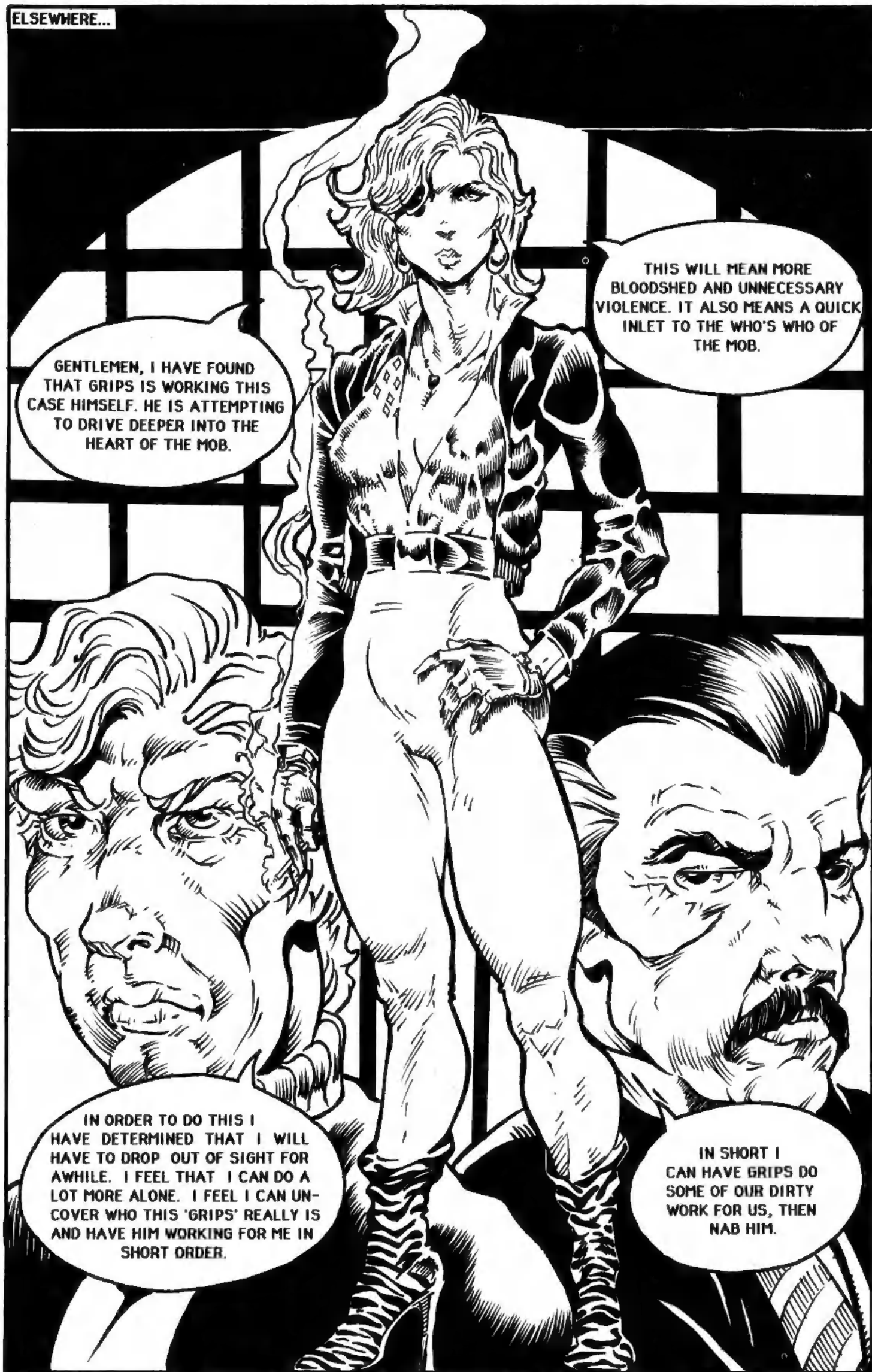
OKAY. LET'S GO, I'VE SEEN MORE THAN I EXPECTED.

GRIPS WATCHES CAREFULLY AS THEY TALK. THOUGH HE CAN'T HEAR THEM HE LOOKS FOR ANYTHING THAT CAN GIVE HIM INFORMATION FOR ANOTHER TIME, LIKE LICENSE PLATE NUMBERS.

IT'S DARK IN THIS HOUSE. GRIPS MOVES SILENTLY. HE INTENDS TO WAKE ONLY THE MAN.







GENTLEMEN, I HAVE FOUND THAT GRIPS IS WORKING THIS CASE HIMSELF. HE IS ATTEMPTING TO DRIVE DEEPER INTO THE HEART OF THE MOB.

THIS WILL MEAN MORE BLOODSHED AND UNNECESSARY VIOLENCE. IT ALSO MEANS A QUICK INLET TO THE WHO'S WHO OF THE MOB.

IN ORDER TO DO THIS I HAVE DETERMINED THAT I WILL HAVE TO DROP OUT OF SIGHT FOR AWHILE. I FEEL THAT I CAN DO A LOT MORE ALONE. I FEEL I CAN UNCOVER WHO THIS 'GRIPS' REALLY IS AND HAVE HIM WORKING FOR ME IN SHORT ORDER.

IN SHORT I CAN HAVE GRIPS DO SOME OF OUR DIRTY WORK FOR US, THEN NAB HIM.

IT IS VERY LATE. NO.
IT IS VERY EARLY.



THE MORNING ~~WILLIAM~~ TWO ~~WEEKS~~ AGO.
SO DID THE TRACKING. THIS KID HAS
BEEN GATHERING THE BRAVADO TO
~~WALK~~ INTO THIS PLACE FOR SOMETIME.

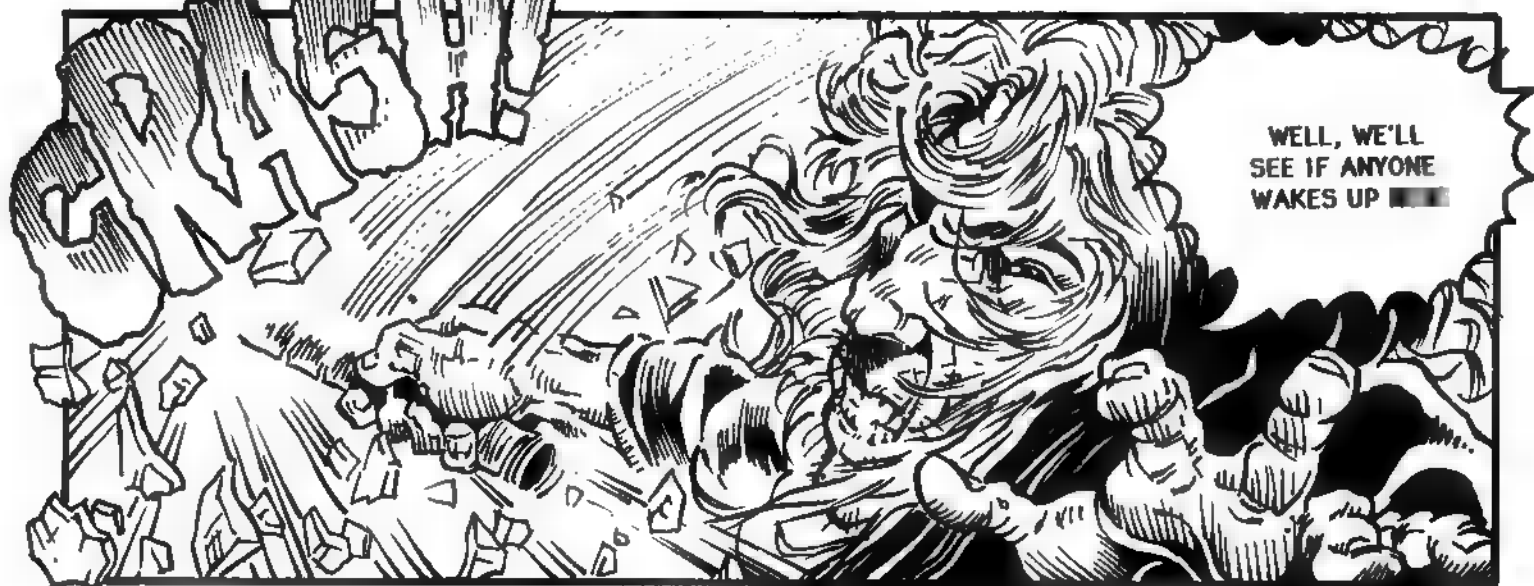
EVEN GRIPS' PATIENCE HAS WORN
THIN. HE WANTS SOME ACTION, NOW.
HIS WAIT IS ABOUT OVER.

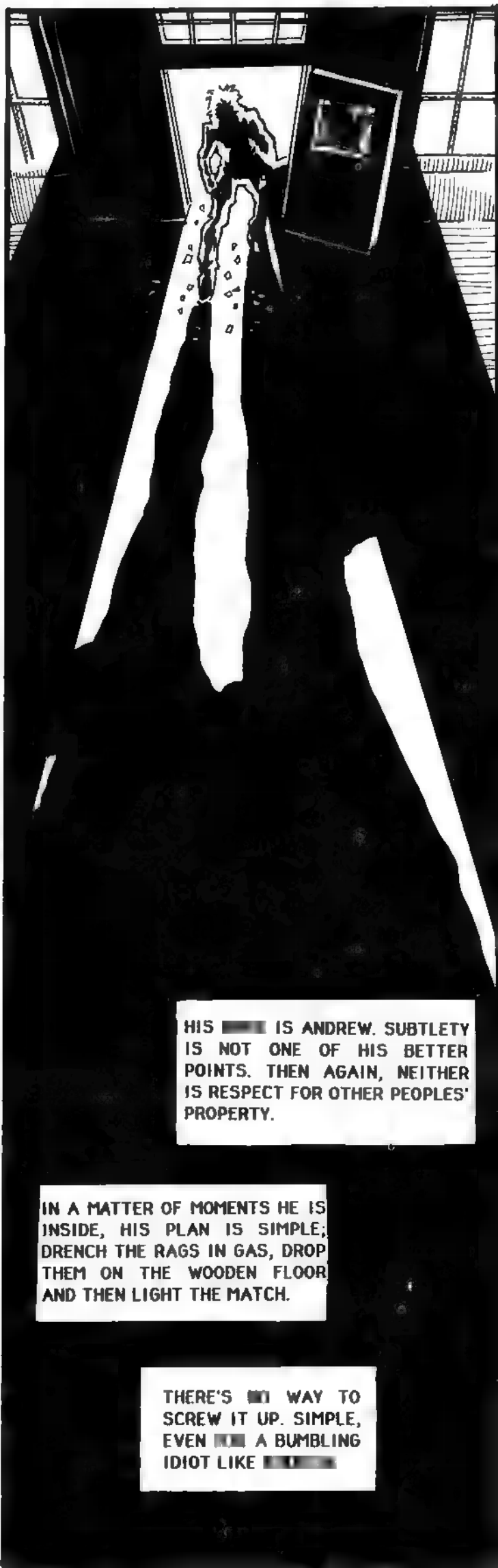


HIS BRAVADO HAS FINALLY RISEN. NO ONE HAS STIRRED IN THE VICINITY FOR THREE HOURS. HE FINALLY HAS A FEELING OF SECURITY.



THERE IS NO SOUND IN THIS AREA. NOTHING. AND THEN...





HIS ■■■ IS ANDREW. SUBTLETY IS NOT ONE OF HIS BETTER POINTS. THEN AGAIN, NEITHER IS RESPECT FOR OTHER PEOPLES' PROPERTY.

IN A MATTER OF MOMENTS HE IS INSIDE, HIS PLAN IS SIMPLE; DRENCH THE RAGS IN GAS, DROP THEM ON THE WOODEN FLOOR AND THEN LIGHT THE MATCH.

THERE'S ■■■ WAY TO SCREW IT UP. SIMPLE, EVEN ■■■ A BUMBLING IDIOT LIKE ■■■



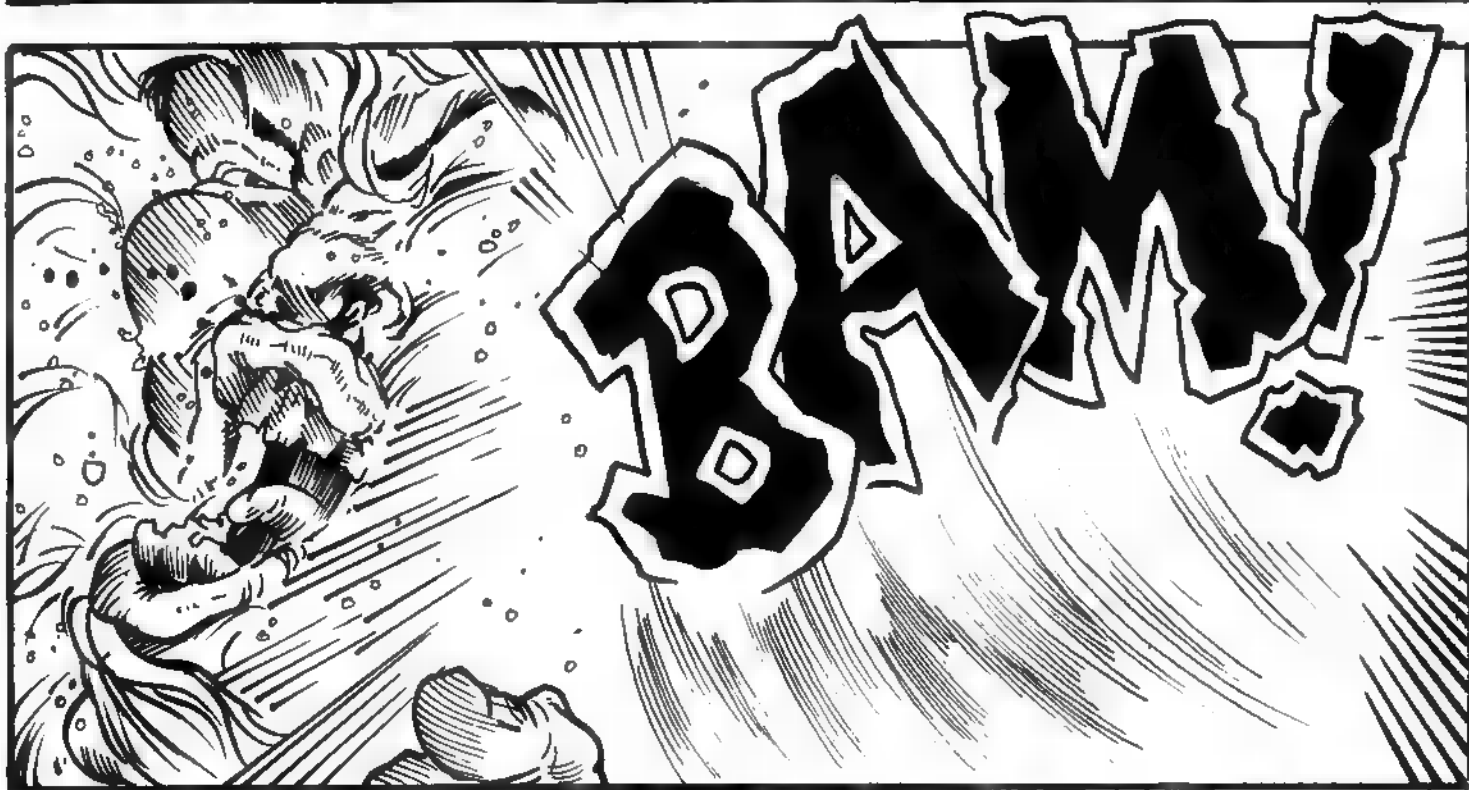
ALRIGHT! I'LL ■■■
DONE INNA MINUTE
■■■ THEN I'LL HAVE
MY PAY!

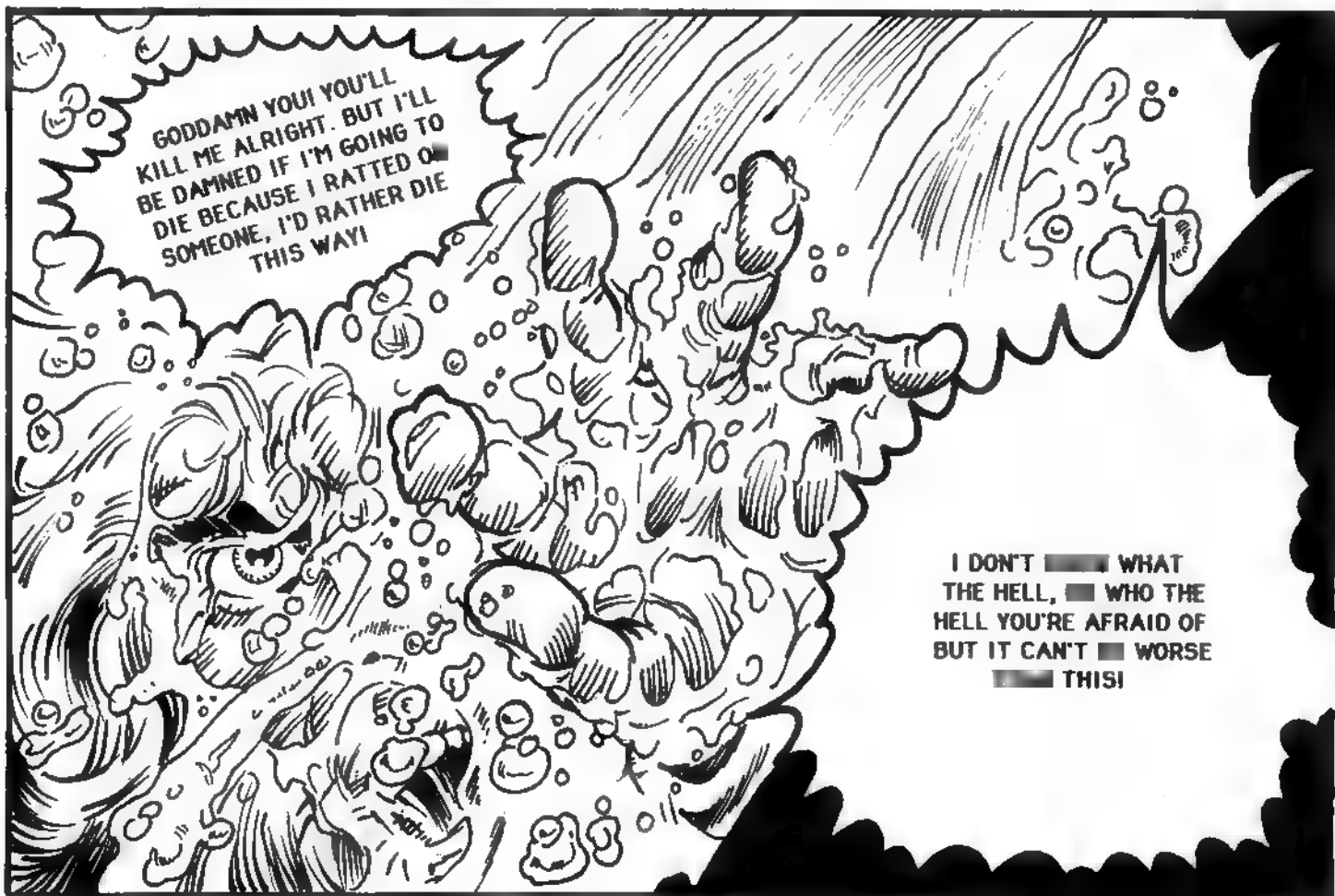


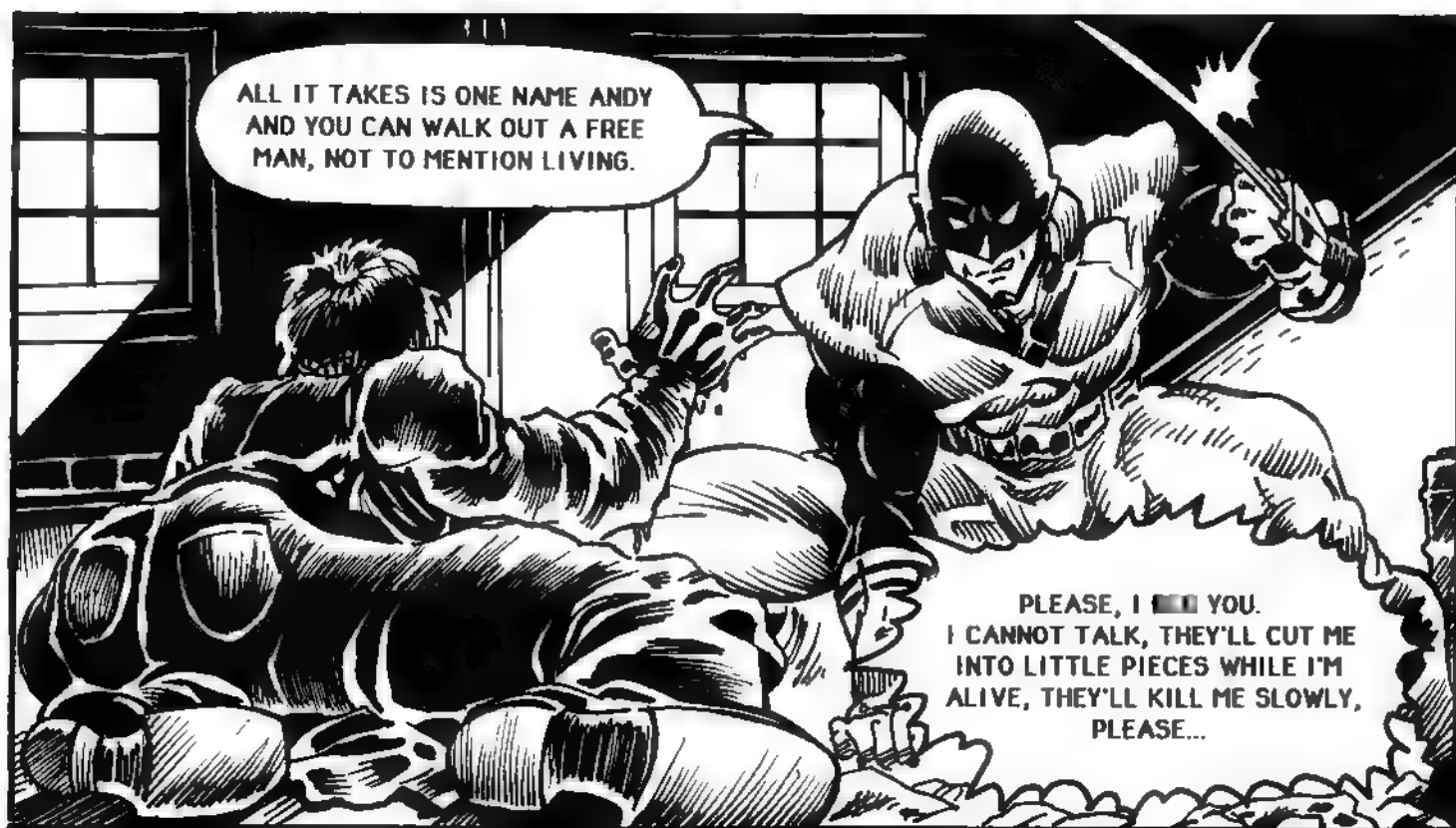
A LITTLE PAY,
THEN A LITTLE NOOKY,
THEN SOME HASH...

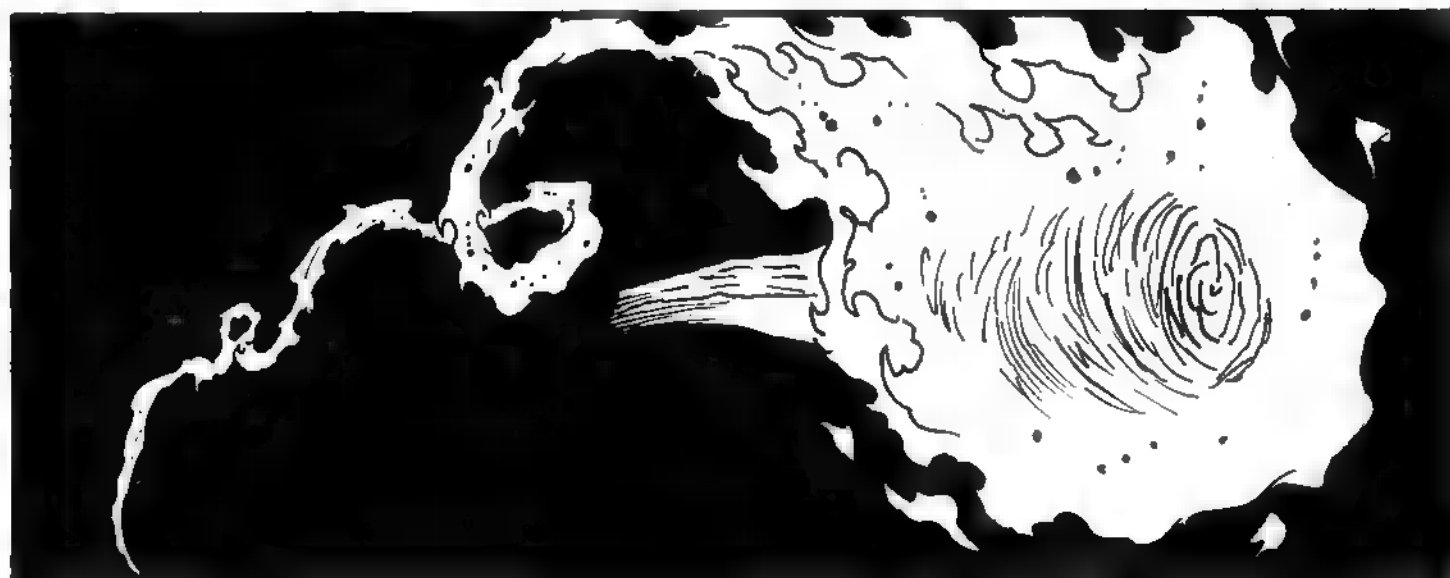


STAR LIGHT, STAR
BRIGHT;
I'LL GET ■■■ TAIL
TONIGHT!











ANDREW BURSTS INTO FLAMES,
THE GASOLINE LENDS
OBVIOUS FUEL TO THE BURNING
BODY. HE ATTEMPTS TO STAND
AND LURCH TOWARD GRIPS.

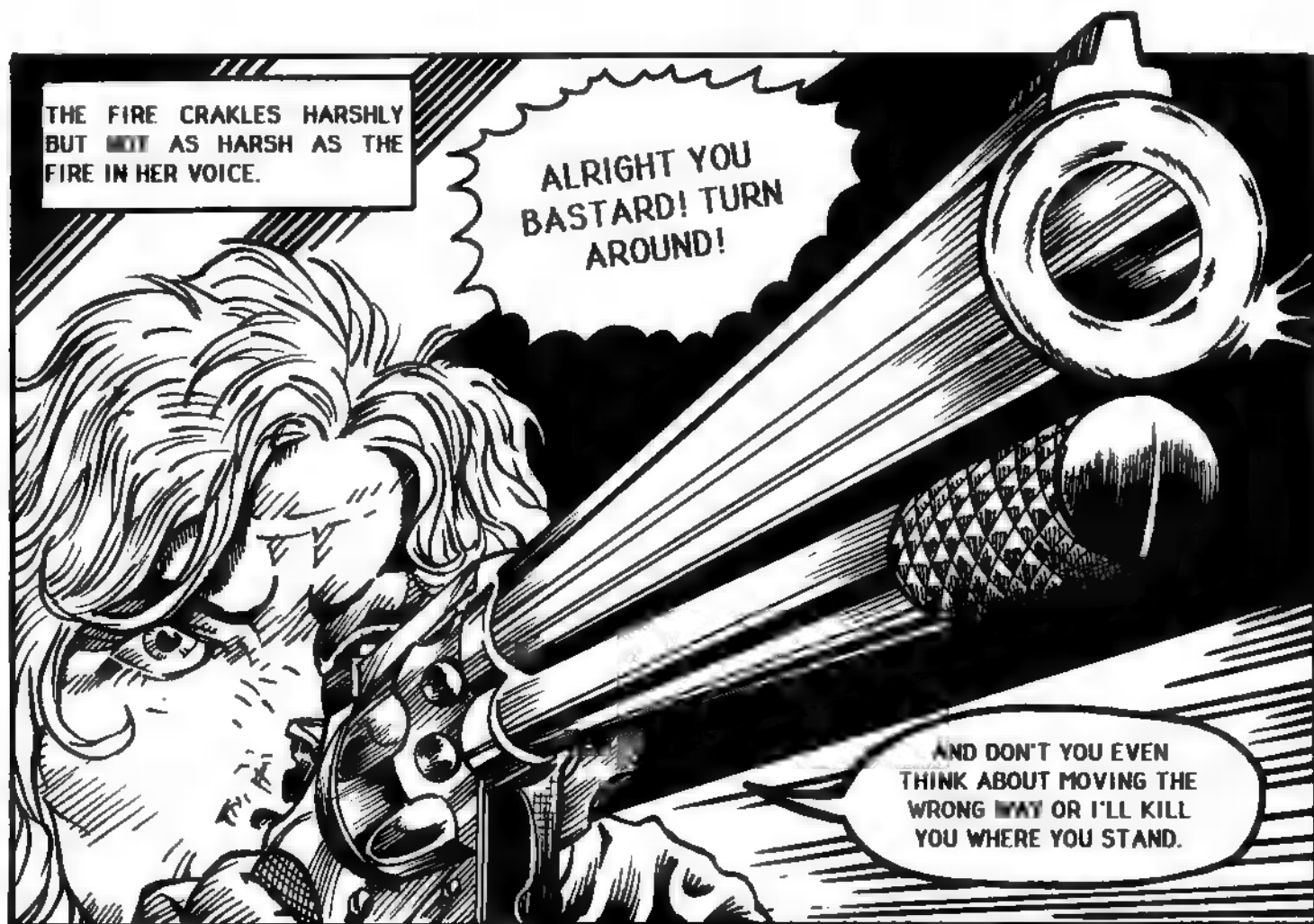


THIS TOO IS FOLLY. ONLY
DEATH ANSWERS ANDREW'S
TROUBLE. BUT THEN GRIPS IS
ONLY TOO HAPPY TO OBLIGE.



PERHAPS GRIPS REALIZED THIS
WOULD HAPPEN, HIS ATTITUDE
REFLECTS THIS AS DOES THE
PSYCHOTIC GRIN ON HIS FACE.







NEXT ISSUE:

**ADD YOU
THOUGHT HE
COULDN'T BE HIT!
YOU'LL BE HERE NEXT ISSUE.
QUESTION IS, WILL GRIPS BE HERE?**

TRIVIA COMIC BOOK #4

GILMORE
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BLACK AND WHITE
THIS BOOK HAS MORE OF THOSE
ZANY QUESTIONS WHICH ARE ON
THE TIP OF YOUR TONGUE BUT
YOU CAN'T QUITE SPIT OUT.
QUESTIONS RANGE FROM THE
DISTANT PAST TO THE BRIGHT
FUTURE. DON'T MISS THE FUN!!!

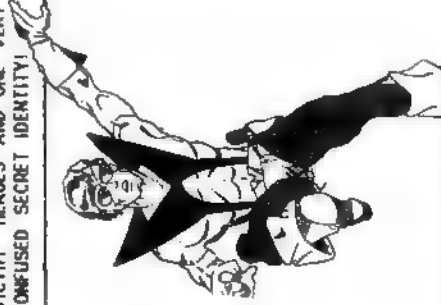


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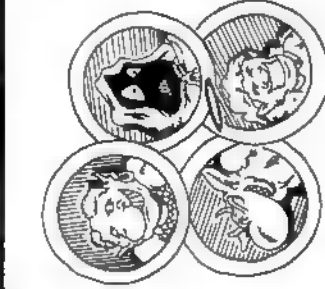
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BLACK WHITE
THE TARGET IS STILL GRIPS. AT
LEAST UNTIL GRIPS TURNS IT
AROUND. SUDDENLY, IT IS DARK
ASSASSIN WHO IS BEING
HUNTED. THIS ISSUE IS
LABELLED: "TARGET: DARK
ASSASSIN!"

VICTIM #4

SCHULTZ
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VICTIM HAS TO DETERMINE HIS
IDENTITY PROBLEM, BUT NOT
BEFORE A SUPERHERO
ARRIVES ON THE SCENE: VICTIM!
ALIAS: CASEY LOCKLEY! TWO
"VICTIM" HEROES AND ONE VERY
CONFUSED SECRET IDENTITY!



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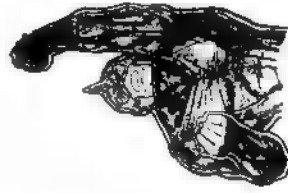


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THIS ISSUE CONTAINS THE
CONTINUING SAGA OF THE TIM
VIGIL STORY: "HEART OF
DARKNESS". ALSO INCLUDED IS
ANOTHER INSTALLMENT OF
STEVE MORALE'S "BAT PACK".

COMIC SEARCH #4
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WORKING IN TANDEM WITH THE
ART SERIES, THIS ISSUE GIVES
PENCILERS WRITERS A
CHANCE TO SHOW THEIR
ABILITIES. THIS IS THE FANS'
CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
INDUSTRY!



EDGE #4
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EDGE LEAVES THE THIEVES TO
HEAD BACK OUT FOR SOLO
ADVENTURES. UNFORTUNATELY
THE FIRST PERSON RUNS INTO
IS DEATHBORG (I) FROM GRIPS
#2-#3. EDGE NEEDS THAN
LUCK AND SKILL TO DEFEAT THIS
MAN.



SILVER WOLF BULLETIN #7



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BELLADONNA, A SORCERESS IN
THE PRESENT TIMES. THIS A
VERY DOWN TO EARTH STORY
ABOUT THE ADVENTURES OF A
SORCERESS DEALING WITH LIFE
THE PRESENT AND WITH EVIL
SCREAMING FROM HELL!



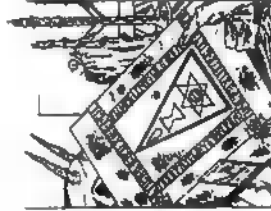
STAR
TREK
IV
THE MOVIE
&
MEMORABILIA

SILVERWOLF MOVIE REVIEW #1
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IN THIS FIRST ISSUE, A REVIEW
OF THE MOTION PICTURE "STAR
TREK IV" WILL MADE. OTHER
INFORMATION RELATING TO THIS
SUBJECT WILL INCLUDED (SUCH
AS WHAT COLLECTIBLES
ARE AVAILABLE AND WHERE!)

SILVER WOLF:

MYSTIC ISLE #1

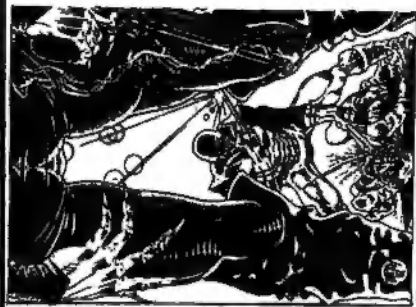
BECK/MORALES
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COLOR
A ISLAND CONTROLLED
BY A BENEVOLENT WIZARD, THE
YOUNG BOY, PRESUMABLY, THE
LAST HIS KIND, DRAGON'S
EGG AND THE WAR BETWEEN THE
ELVES AND THE CLOAKS. THIS IS
MYSTIC ISLE. EXPLORE THIS
LAND AS A YOUNG MAN CROSSES
THE ISLAND TO
MYTHICAL WHICH HE HAS
BUT ABOUT. THIS IS THE
STORY ROMANCE, ADVENTURE
AND MYSTERY IN A FANTASY
SETTING WHICH WILL BE
ALL FANTASY READERS
EVERWHERE. DON'T MISS THIS
EPIC SAGA!



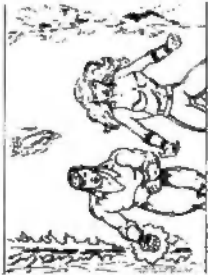
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SILVER/AHARO/MORALES/WOOD
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COLOR
THE COSMONEERS ARE IN
TROUBLE SO THEY REACH OUT
FOR HELP WITH THEIR HASTILY
CONSTRUCTED TELEPORTING
DEVICE WHO ARRIVES? FAT
NINJA THE DUNGEONEERS!
DON'T MISS THIS CRAZY
FUN AS THESE
MISMATCHED CHARACTERS TRY
TO DEFEND THE SHIP. ENTER:
DEEP. FAT NEW SIDE
THIS ISSUE KICKS THE
COSMONEERS SERIES WHICH
BEGINS THE VERY NEXT MONTH!

Color

Color



THIEVES #4
COOK/MARTIN/LARSON
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THE LAST ISSUE CONCERNING THE EGG WHICH THE THIEVES HAVE BEEN AFTER FOR FOUR ISSUES. THIS WINDS UP THE CHASE AND A CROSSOVER WITH EDGE.



GRIPS #7
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GRIPS MUST FINALLY DEAL WITH CRESCENT FACE TO FACE. THE TEAM BECOMES TIGHTER. THE TEAM BECOMES CONCERNED AS A MEMORY FROM THE PAST IS RE-EMERGES. (WHO IS STING/RAY?)



PORT #4
PLEINES/HESTER
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BLACK AND WHITE
GUILLotine TEARS UP WITH PORT TO HELP HIM OUT WITH THE BATTLE AGAINST THE BLACK HANGLER. IT WON'T BE ONE SOON FORGOTTEN. PORT IS GETTING QUITE DISCOURAGED. HE'S GETTING VERY TIRED OF LOSING!

NIGHT MASTER #4
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DEATH TRACKER HAS FOUND NIGHTMASTER. BUT NOW THAT HE HAS, WHAT IS TO BE DONE WITH HIM? NIGHTMASTER PROVES TO BE TOO TOUGH FOR THIS ONE LEGIONNAIRE. SO ENTER: SILVER SABRE.

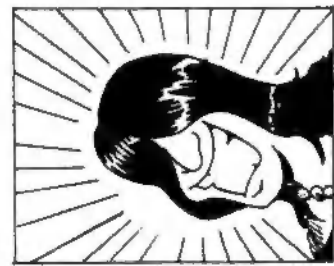


FAT NINJA #8
AMARO
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BLACK AND WHITE
IN THIS ISSUE FAT NINJA AND THE BLADE SPIRIT CONFRONT MINDENDER, FISH AND A SHARK. MEANWHILE THE GALACTIC REFRIGERATOR STEAMS IN THE SOUTHERN POLAR ICE.

ERADICATORS #8
COOK/SILVER/LIZANA
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THE ERADICATORS ARE BEING CHASED THROUGH THE CITY BY THE MINIONS OF THE MASTER ERADICATOR. RAGGED, BEATEN AND TORN, THEY TAKE REFUGE IN A PAWN SHOP. (PORT CROSSOVER.)

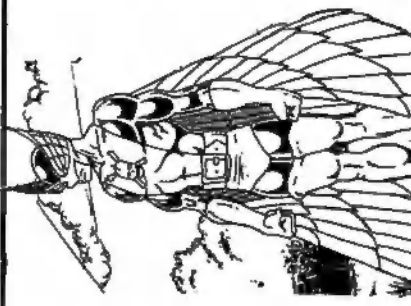
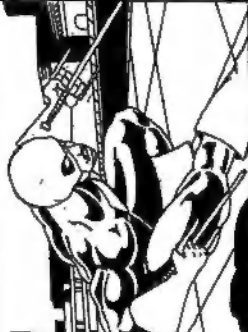


DUNGEONEERS #8
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THE DUNGEONEERS HAVE WRESTED THE EVIL STAFF OF POWER FROM THE WIZARD AND MUST RUN WITH IT. SUDDENLY THEY FIND THEMSELVES ELSEWHERE...(CROSSOVER WITH THE COSMONEERS SPECIAL #1)



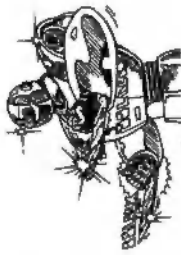
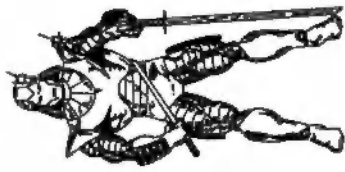
USHERING IN THE NEW SILVER AGE OF COMICS!

LEGION X-1 #4
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BLACK AND WHITE
THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE LEGION CONTINUOUS IN THIS ISSUE. THE TEAM LEADERS ARE IN A TURMOIL AND WAVES ARE MADE ALL THE WAY BACK TO WASHINGTON. THE PENTAGON ACTS!



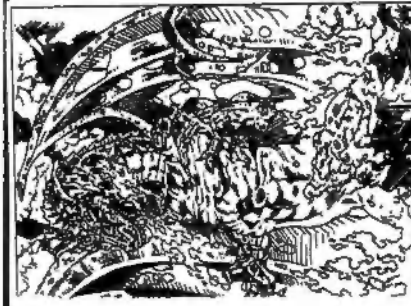
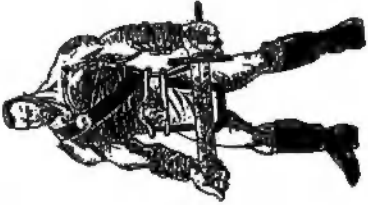
LEGION X-2 #4
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BLACK AND WHITE
AS THE LEGION BATTLE CEASES AND THE WOUNDED ARE TAKEN CARE OF, THE ARMY MOVES IN. THEIR OBJECTIVE? THE EXTERMINATION OF THE LEGIONNAIRES!

GUILLotine #4
COOK/MARTIN
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BLACK AND WHITE
IS THE WORLD READY FOR A ROBOT TO INTERMINGLE WITH SOCIETY? GUILLotine LEAVES THE CITY BENEATH THE GROUND AND ATTEMPTS TO FIND OUT WITH DISASTROUS RESULTS. HE TURNS TO S.O.U.R.C.E. FOR HELP!



STECH #5
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THE TRIAD HAS BEEN DEFEATED INDIVIDUALLY. THE ATTEMPT TO DESTROY STECH MUST BE COORDINATED FOR ALL THREE TO STRIKE STECH AT ONCE! THE TRIAD: AQUA BURST, GROUND ZERO, AND STREAK!

REAL GAMES: #4
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FEATURING THE FIRST ISSUE OF TUNNELS OF HELL. THE PLAYERS WHICH MADE IT THROUGH THE TOWERS OF PERIL NOW CONTINUE ON AS THEY TRY TO ESCAPE FROM THE KING'S DUNGEONS. ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN!



DRAGON QUEST #5
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INTO THE MAP KRONOS AND HIS FOLLOWERS FALL. THEY WIND UP IN A WORLD WITHIN THE WORLD. HAVING NO IDEA WHERE THEY ARE, OTHER THAN THE CLUTCHES OF THE GREAT MAP MAKER HIMSELF. TEST - PART 1.

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THIS ISSUE CONCENTRATES ON THE PENCILLING TECHNIQUES OF AMARO, VIGIL, AND MCKINNEY. PLUS SCRIPTING IDEAS FROM SILVER. NOTE: THIS TITLE IS MEANT TO SHOW ALTERNATIVE CREATIVE TECHNIQUES.



CRESCENT



Real Name: Crescent Temple

Race: Human/Caucasian

Height: 5' 8"

Weight: 130 lbs

Eyes: Green

Hair: Black

Age: 29

Sex: Female

Occupation: Investigator (police)

Identity: Crescent

Legal Status: United States Citizen/California Resident

Former Aliases: None

Marital Status: Single

Known Relatives: None

Place of Birth: Unknown

Group Affiliation: None

Base of Operations: Mobile

First Appearance: Grips #3

History: Crescent's father is unknown to her except that he was a cop and her mother was very fond of him. Her mother passed away while she was in her teens. While trying unsuccessfully to find her father she became interested in police work. Soon thereafter she became almost completely obsessed with the idea of detective work. After high school and after she left the orphanage she majored in criminology in college. While in college she was interviewed by a crimelord who desired her to become his private investigator. She did so, thinking to use him to find her father and further her education at his expense. She has since become one of the most widely acclaimed detectives in the business. She now works with many of the law enforcement organizations around the world and is moved from case to case at the behest of her overlord.

Trained Normal Abilities: She is highly trained in the martial arts and use with many weapons, but far her most sophisticated training is in her detective capabilities.

Superhuman Powers: None

Prior Super Human Powers: None

Weapons Used: Guns, rifles, crescent blades

Equipment Used: None

Character Conception: Kristoffer A. Silver

First visual conception: Tim Vigil

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- ☐ Fantastic Fables
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- ☐ Grips
- ☐ Guillotine
- ☐ Legion X-1
- ☐ Legion X-2
- ☐ Night Master
- ☐ 'Port
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- ☐ Victim

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